

A retiree from Beavercreek recently needed help gaining access to funds from his Thrift Savings Plan, which were needed to cover vital living expenses during the coronavirus pandemic. Marty jumped right into action, and the matter was cleared up in a very short period. "Without Marty's skillful intervention," he wrote, "I may still be waiting for TSP to complete my requested transfer of these funds."

After Marty helped expedite the renewal of his son's passport for a trip to Tokyo, a man from Dayton wrote: "My son and I couldn't have completed the Transpacific business/personal trip without Marty's outstanding professionalism and stick-to-itiveness. We were able to bond, spending quality time with each other that'll never be forgotten."

On behalf of myself, and on behalf of the countless Miami Valley residents she has helped, I thank Marty Heide for a job well done. I will be forever grateful for the friendship and support she has given to me, the staff, and the people our congressional district. Her presence in my office will certainly be missed. I wish her and her husband, Randall, a happy, healthy, and productive retirement.

HONORING BRIAN EMERSON OF POINT NORTH NETWORKS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Small Business Week, May 2–5, 2022, and to thank Brian Emerson of Point North Networks. Brian's dedication to his community in Inver Grove Heights is what fuels Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

Point North Networks draws on Brian's experience of developing and implementing solutions to fulfill the IT needs of smaller businesses throughout the Second Congressional District and Minnesota. Brian has ensured that Point North Networks serves its community with honesty and integrity.

Small businesses like Point North Networks are the backbone of our economy. I'm proud that Brian is a member of my Small Business Taskforce. I'm thankful for his expertise and guidance as we work to shape policies to benefit and strengthen our small business economy.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) on the occasion of its 80th anniversary and to recognize Internal Audit Awareness Month.

The IIA was founded in 1941 by a small group of auditors based in New York City who understood the importance of the profession as well as its critical role in governance, risk, and control. From these humble beginnings

the IIA has grown tremendously with branches in 170 countries and over 210,000 members. By relentlessly advocating for its members, providing valuable training to students, hosting conferences and so much more the IIA works to uplift this critically important profession.

Madam Speaker, the IIA is a real New York success story. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the Institute for all that they do to promote the critical field of auditing and wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING MR. MICHAEL KOBITO AS GEORGIA'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Michael Kobito of Bartow County, Georgia as the 2023 Georgia Teacher of the Year, and to commend his exceptional service to students in Bartow County, as well as his incredible contributions to their academic enrichment.

Mr. Kobito teaches AP Music Theory at Woodland High School; and, in addition to providing students with a top-notch instruction in the performing arts, Mr. Kobito leads four concert bands, a 200-member marching band, the school basketball pep band, a jazz band, and the winter guard.

Mr. Kobito's AP Music students achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the AP exam within his first year of teaching, a result of his dedication to their education, as well as their enthusiasm for his class. His teaching philosophy emphasizes the potential of each individual student and encourages them to treat every day as an opportunity to learn and achieve.

As the 2023 Georgia Teacher of the Year, Mr. Kobito will serve as an advocate for Georgia students and educators, and as an ex-officio member of the Georgia State Board of Education. Furthermore, he will compete for the recognition of 2023 National Teacher of the Year.

Once again, I commend Mr. Kobito for his exceptional work as a Georgia educator and congratulate him on achieving this important honor within the Georgia education system. I would also like to acknowledge the runner up, Katie Blum of Sugar Hill Elementary, and all Georgia's Teacher of the Year finalists for their tremendous work and dedication to educating our next generation of successful Georgians.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MOUNT HOOD AND COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE RECREATION ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION (REC) ACT OF 2022

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Mount Hood and Columbia River Gorge Recreation Enhancement and Conservation (REC) Act of 2022.

Over the last several years, I have listened to feedback from Oregonians, Tribal sovereigns, local elected officials, businesses, and others about Mt. Hood and the Columbia River Gorge. People have shared information about how they use these special places, their concerns, and their proposed solutions to improve management, address wildfire risk, enhance recreation, and protect natural resources. I worked to reflect those views in this legislation, which will create a leading model of Tribal co-management on the Forest, retain and restore healthy ecosystems, develop long term sustainable recreation and transportation plans for the region, and enhance community resilience through climate adaptation and mitigation.

This legislation represents many years of listening to community members and refining ideas. It also remains a work in progress. I look forward to continuing this community-focused effort to protect and improve access to Mount Hood and the Columbia River Gorge.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING JODI NORGAARDEN OF QUAINT AND QUIRKY BOUTIQUE

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Small Business Week, May 2–5, 2022, and to thank Jodi Norgaarden of Quaint and Quirky Boutique. Jodi's dedication to her community in Hastings is what fuels Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

Quaint and Quirky Boutique features over 100 artists, creators, and authors from Minnesota and Wisconsin. Jodi has taken her over 25 years of sales experience and created a small business that supports communities and people throughout the Second Congressional District and beyond.

Small businesses like Quaint and Quirky Boutique are the backbone of our economy. I'm proud that Jodi is a member of my Small Business Taskforce. I'm thankful for her expertise and guidance as we work to shape policies to benefit and strengthen our small business economy.

HONORING DAVID RAMEY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, in celebration of David Ramey, who is being honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Sonoma County Vintners Foundation for his exemplary contributions to the winemaking industry.

Mr. Ramey's 43-year career in Napa and Sonoma, including as the founder and owner of Ramey Wine Cellars, is most distinguished by his stewardship of artisan winemaking techniques.

Mr. Ramey graduated from the University of California at Davis in 1979 with a thesis on